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REDS LAUNCH YANGTSE ATTACK

Stalin Names Place For Truman Meeting

Generalissimo Stalin today invited President Truman to meet him either in Moscow, Kalininograd, Odessa or Yalta—wherever the President chooses—in a telegram to the International News Service in Paris, reproduced in a special edition of the evening newspaper, France Soir.

Generalissimo Stalin's message said the meeting could be alternatively arranged in Poland or Czechoslovakia if there were any objections to a meeting in the Soviet Union.

The message, marked "Telegram, Official Urgent," was addressed to Mr. Kingsbury Smith, the European director of the American news agency.

It was appropriate in reply to a telegram sent by Mr. Kingsbury Smith to the Kremlin yesterday.

The Soviet Premier said he had for a long time wanted to go to Washington, but he was medically advised against a long journey by sea or air.—Reuter.

Li Tsung-jen May Try Personal Flight Into Communist Territory

Nanking, February 2. President Li Tsung-jen may make a personal flight into Communist territory in the interests of peace if other efforts fail.

Sources close to President Li said he has already considered such a venture—despite the fact that he is on the Red-war criminal list.

Should the President seek a meeting with Mao Tse-tung and other Red leaders at a place of their choice, there is increasing doubt here he could offer them more than a regional peace involving Honkow, Nanking and Shanghai.

"The time has passed when I or anyone else other than Chiang Kai-shek can make an agreement involving the whole nation and keep it," one Chinese leader said "there is even doubt that Chiang himself could make a pact that binding on all areas of China."

It appeared to many here that the President was under pressure from cliques already moved South and that he might shift the emphasis of his efforts from negotiation on a national scale to dealing only on the Yangtse Valley.

Delivery of the lower Yangtse from Hankow to the sea to the Reds in exchange for certain concessions would in many ways resemble the transaction by which Fu Tso-yi surrendered Peiping.

Favourable Position

President Li is in a position, with the help of General Pai Cung-hai at Hankow, to negotiate for surrender of these three cities and to deliver, should he renew agreement with the Reds.

Complete absence of the military in the Nanking area strengthened belief that the President was making some progress in his efforts although there was an official silence on the subject.

A personal peace envoy of President Li meanwhile, has left on a secret 75-mile journey up the Grand Canal through Red territory in Kiangsu Province to contact the Red Army headquarters at Hsiaoyi.

Messages today from Chin-kiang, opposite the mouth of the Grand Canal, said that the envoy would attempt to persuade the Communists not to attack the Nanking-Shanghai area while the Government was intensifying its attempts to negotiate for peace.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a Siberian anticyclone is gradually intensifying and spreading S over China with a ridge extending SE across the Ryukyu. A shallow depression now centred over the Pacific SSE of Tokyo continues to move E. Pressure gradients over the area are gradually decreasing.

Today Forecast: Light and variable winds at first E or NE later. For stretches clearing during the morning. Becoming fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 72 deg. Fah. Minimum 52 deg. Fah.

Cloud: 70 hours. Total since Jan. 1—2.0 mm.=0.08 inch, as against an average of 25.0 mm.=1.18 inches.

Readings at 10 a.m., 1017.0 mb. Baro. at m.e. 1014.4 mb. Equals 30.03 30.06 in.

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Japan's Grandiose Shipping Plans

Washington, February 2.

The National Federation of American Shipping objects to reported Japanese plans to charter foreign ships and to operate outside Japanese home waters.

A Federation spokesman said that by their own estimates of their import volume, the Japanese have no use for a merchant fleet as big as the one for which they are reported to be preparing to ask the Occupation authorities and the Secretary of the Army, Kenneth Royall.

The spokesman said that the Nippon Times of Tokyo estimates Japan's imports for fiscal 1949 at 8,000,000 tons.

"They have ample ship capacity, now to handle that," he said.

American ship operators favour allowing Japan enough ships to carry one-half of her overseas trade and all of her domestic commerce, the spokesman said.

He said the Federation feels this is not the time to decide the size of the merchant fleet that Japan's future commerce may require.

The spokesman denied that Japan can curtail expenditures appreciably by reducing freight charges through operation of chartered ships.—Associated Press.

Govt Gunboats Sink Red Craft Attempting Crossing

STRATEGIC ICHEUNG SHELLED

Nanking, February 2. Communist forces early today launched the first reported attack across the Yangtse River on Nationalist-held Kiangyin, about 85 miles North West of Shanghai, employing mortars and small-arms fire.

The British destroyer, Black Swan, passing down the Yangtse from Nanking, was reported to have witnessed the attack. Black Swan continued her voyage past Kiangyin to Shanghai without incident.

(As she was passing Kiangyin, gun fire was heard and flares were observed in the direction of a village, it was learned in Hong Kong yesterday.)

Nationalist gunboats early today also opened fire on Communist river craft, discovered on the Yangtse near Kiangyin. Two Communist boats were sunk, according to messages from Chinkiang.

Attack Village

Reports that the Communists had begun crossing the Yangtse and were attacking Kiangyin were not confirmed locally. The latest messages said that the Communists early today had attacked a small village on the North bank of the river, opposite Kiangyin. The village is south of Tsinling, captured by the Communists.

Communist forces along the river were reported to be attempting to hire junks from civilian boatmen and concentrating vessels in the Grand Canal, ready for the Yangtse crossing.

Yangtse naval gunboats today also commenced shelling Icheng, 28 miles North East of Nanking, according to Chinese reports today.

The reports said Communist forces occupied three-fourths of Icheng while Nationalist troops still hold an area stretching from the city's South gate to the North bank of the Yangtse River.

Control of Icheng by Red General Chen Yi's forces, when reported to have brought up heavy artillery pieces, would put the Communists in an excellent position to hurl shells across the river and knock out the Nanking-Shanghai railway.

Not Clear

The military situation at Tsinling, Nationalist-held city 120 miles East of Nanking, because "not clear" today as military and commercial telegraph communications between that city and Chinkiang were broken. The term "not clear" used in press despatches usually indicates the fall of a place is imminent, if not already captured.

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Civil War Threatens In Korea

Chungkan, Korea, February 2.

One thousand Soviet-trained North Korean troops have invaded the American-occupied South Korean Republic, and a high South Korean official said today the action might mean open civil war between the two zones.

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General Hsueh Issues Denial

Canfon, February 2. General Hsueh Yueh, Governor of Kwangtung, today told a foreign news agency he would form an independent four-province military bloc to fight the Communists regardless of the outcome of the forthcoming peace talks.

In a denial issued through Central News, General Hsueh said he also did not tell the foreign agency that he would welcome shifting the capital to Canton or that he would welcome the Premier Dr. Sun Fo to Canton only to lead the four-province anti-Communist bloc.

He said he was misquoted.—United Press.

Red Strategy?

General Chang's views coincided with opinion of other peace advocates inside the Government, who steadfastly refused to accept the theory of the war group that the war criminal condition closed the door to peace.

A highly placed source advanced the belief that Communist insistence on punishment of war criminals was made with the primary objective of scaring away former Government ultra-conservative elements who are closely identified with retired President Chiang Kai-shek.

In Canton meanwhile, the possibility of the Nationalist Cabinet holding its first meeting in the new capital of Canton on Saturday is thought to be remote.

This follows Nanking reports that President Li Tsung-jen has urged Cabinet Ministers in Canton and other Chinese cities to return to Nanking.

No important Ministers, however, have arrived here.

Russians Arrive

Further representatives of the British, Indian and Russian Embassies arrived today. Representatives of other foreign missions, including the French and Canadian, are expected in the next few days.

The Russian delegation arriving today was headed by M. Roschin, Soviet Ambassador.

Although most foreign diplomats are staying in the Ol Kwan, the city's most modern hotel, requisitioned for the purpose by the government, the Russians are living apart. They are staying in their own adjoining buildings in Shunmen.

The Counsellor to the British Ambassador, Mr. J. A. Coghill, led a further British party that arrived from Nanking today, while four members of the Indian Embassy staff, led by the First Secretary, Mr. P. Ratman, are also here.

Other foreign diplomats who are already in Canton are Mr.

Lewis Clark, United States Minister, Mr. L. Merchant, Counsellor to the United States Ambassador, and Mr. Charles Lee, First Secretary of the Australian Embassy.

—Reuter—AAP and United Press.

STOP PRESS

Paris, February 2. The French Premier, M.

Henri Queuille, today offered

Paris as a place of meeting for Generalissimo Stalin and

President Truman.

He was replying to a questioner at the Anglo-American Press Association luncheon here.

M. Queuille said during a speech: "To assure the peace of the world and see all conflicts settled is what I want most in the world. But to do this we need actions, not words."—Reuter.

Washington, February 2. The White House stated officially today that President Truman was willing to meet Generalissimo Stalin—but only in Washington.

The White House replied to Marshal Stalin's new invitation to the President by referring once more to Mr. Truman's recent statement that he would be willing to meet the Russian Premier, but only in Washington.

Mr. Charles G. Ross, the Presidential Press Secretary, stated that no official invitation had been received from Marshal Stalin nor had any direct word from the Kremlin been received beyond what was contained in Marshal Stalin's statement to the press.

—Reuter.

More Than 20 Killed In Canton Explosion

More than 20 military personnel were killed on

Tuesday in a fire which broke out on a petrol

laden landing craft at Canton.

A terrific explosion, followed

by a series of smaller ones,

set 3,000 drums of aviation

petrol alight. Windows within

a radius of half a mile were shattered.

The blaze, which started at

10.20 a.m., burned furiously

throughout the day. It began

dying down at 8 p.m. and

burned itself out early yester-

day morning.

The drums of petrol were

among some 8,000 cases of am-

mmunition shipped by the landing

craft from Shanghai. The craft

belonged to the Chinese Mer-

chants Steam Navigation Com-

pany.

The craft arrived at Canton

during the Chinese New Year

—Reuter.

Workers Injured

A number of workers on shore

were injured by blast and do-

minated.

The landing craft was alongside

the military wharf at Tsimshau

when the explosion occurred.

Canton's entire air fighting

force—12 fire-engines and a num-

ber of auxiliary appliances—were

sent to the area but all the fire-

men could do was to prevent

nearby structures from being set

alight.

The Canton authorities have

ordered an official enquiry into

the fire.

All over the world Coca-Cola brings refreshment

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Alleged To Have Robbed Former School Mate

Newsmen Summoned At Central

The editor, publisher and proprietors of the San Sang Man Po were all summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with publishing an article in their paper of an indecent nature.

Mr. Marcus da Silva, representing all defendants, pleaded not guilty.

Inspector C. T. Byron of the SOA prosecuted.

The defendants are Ko Hung, editor, Lai Kwok-yim, publisher and Chin Pak-man, Lai Yin-wah and Sze-to-Bat, proprietors.

At the previous hearing, Mr. Chung King-pui, an assistant SCA, was cross-examined at length by defence counsel relative to indecency and obscenity and yesterday Mr. Chung was further cross-examined on that point by Mr. Silva.

In reply to question by Mr. Silva as to the number of staff he had in carrying out the reading over of Chinese newspapers, Mr. Chung replied that before the war there was censorship, he had a staff of 12, but now he has only one man.

Showed a translated article of the Sing Tao Jih Pao of August 15 issue, in which an identical article appeared, Mr. Silva wanted to know if that identical article had been overlooked, Mr. Chung said it must have been.

Mr. Chung was then questioned at length in regard to various phrases and illustrations from an English encyclopedia of sexual practice and was asked to give his personal opinion whether he regarded them as indecent or obscene.

Further hearing of the case was then adjourned to February 22, at 2.30 p.m.

The allegation that he enticed his former school mate to Ngau Chi Wan and there, with the assistance of a 16-year-old youth, robbed him of \$120 was made against Cheung San-sang, aged 17, when he was brought before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on committal proceedings on the charge of robbery by two or more.

Stockily built Cheung, who was stated to be from Mauritius, spoke in Hakka during the proceedings. By his side was a rosy-cheeked baby-faced boy who gave his age as 13 but which Dr. B. S. Khoi testified to be about 16.

At the conclusion of the police case, conducted by Detective-Inspector D. L. Davies, both accused were committed for trial.

Tsing Gon, a son of the Nam Kok Bookstore of 570 Nathan Road, said that he knew the first accused when they were students in the same school in the village.

At 7 p.m. October 18, Cheung went to his shop, told him that he (Cheung) was working at the Red Lion Inn and invited witness to dance there, free of charge. Witness told the accused that he was busy that night, and suggested that Cheung should call for him at 8 p.m. on October 20.

When he returned from Sham-shui-poo at 7.30 p.m. on that date, continued witness, he saw Cheung outside the shop. After taking his bath, he accompanied first accused to the Nam Fung Cafe at Nathan Road and there met the second accused.

They sat at the same table, but he was not introduced to the youth.

After the first accused had consumed a pork chop and a bottle of beer, and the second, had left the cafe and boarded a bus for Ngau Chi Wan, as Cheung, who paid for the meal and the bus fares, said he wanted to look for a friend.

They got off at Customs Pass Road and Clear Water Bay Road junction, said witness, and walked along Customs Pass Road. After a short while he suggested that they should return, as they did not meet any one along the road.

At the commencement of yesterday's hearing, Azedo went into the witness stand and gave statement on his own defence, after which he was cross-examined by Mr. M. Heenan, who prosecuted.

The four were found guilty of 11 counts of demanding money, with menace, corruption in office and conspiracy.

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The first three accused pleaded for leniency. Azedo, asked by Mr. Wicks what he had to say before sentence was passed upon him, told the Court and the members of the Jury: "If you have found me guilty, punish me."

After passing sentence, Mr. Wicks remarked that in the Middle Ages, money was taken from the prisoner himself, but that in the case it was taken from the relatives of the prisoner.

Mr. Wicks concluded by telling the accused that he hoped they would lead useful lives when they came out of prison.

Junk Case Defendant Discharged

At the close of the case for the prosecution, Mr. A. D. Scholes found that, as prosecution witnesses contradicted themselves and one another, no case was made out against Kong Kwok-choi, charged with larceny of a junk, and without calling upon the defence to state its case, discharged the accused at Kowloon yesterday.

As stated by the prosecution, conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector C. J. Askew, defendant was one of the partners of the Sze Hong Shipping Company, which had purchased the junk Tung Hing 3. When the junk was left at Cheung Chau Island for repairs, defendant sailed the vessel away without the knowledge or consent of the other three men who held part interest in the junk.

According to Tang Fat, one of the partners, the junk was priced at HK\$5,000, of which HK\$2,000 had been paid.

Defendant was said to have hauled the junk from Cheung Chau Island on December 28 and it was the testimony of Ma Yuet, the coxswain, that defendant painted the life buoys, thus obliterating the name of the vessel on them.

The name of the junk on the side of the craft was also painted over by order of defendant.

Another partner, Chu Ping, in his evidence before the Court yesterday, said that defendant was promised 20% of the trading profits by Tang Fat. The junk, he said, was bought from the Luen Hing Company and the price was HK\$3,000, in addition to which HK\$1,000 brokerage was stipulated. After the sum of HK\$2,000 was deposited with the seller, the vessel was turned over to their custody. HK\$400 brokerage was paid to defendant by Tang Fat in his presence.

He was additionally fined \$18 on the count of making a noise at night by hammering.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the Mong Kok police received numerous complaints from the residents in the Siu Yip Street district regarding the din created by defendant hammering an iron sheet on it on February 1.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Fatal Traffic Accidents

Twelve fatal traffic accidents occurred in the Colony during December. In addition, 50 pedestrians were seriously injured and 153 slightly injured.

An official statement yesterday listed 28 "black spots" on the island where traffic accidents totalling 215 occurred during December.

The biggest individual number of accidents occurred on King's Road between the junction of Tung Lo Wan Road and the Taikoo Dockyard West Gate. Along this road, 24 accidents, one fatal, occurred in December.

Accused In Extortion Case Gaoled

"The accused have been found guilty of a crime which is an improvement of what happened in the Middle Ages in England," remarked Mr. Justice Wicks when he passed sentences of hard labour on four prison warders yesterday, after a jury comprising five men and two women found them guilty as charged.

Timothy Din, Gussy Maria dos Santos and Jose Maria Dias Azedo, were each given two years, while Sapo, Ahmed was given eighteen months in consideration of his age.

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Damaged Footpath

In the first case of its kind to be heard in Kowloon, Chan Chung, aged 32, of 288 Portland Street, was fined \$35 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for damaging a public footpath by hammering an iron sheet on it on February 1.

He was additionally fined \$18 on the count of making a noise at night by hammering.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the Mong Kok police received numerous complaints from the residents in the Siu Yip Street district regarding the din created by defendant hammering an iron sheet on the pavement.

A constable, seen at the locality at 10.40 p.m. on February 1, found defendant hard at work, beating the sheet. The damage to the pavement was only slight, according to Inspector Danobsky, who had been called to the scene.

Defendant was cautioned and discharged.

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CHARLES LOSEBY

Disappointed

Sir—I appreciate the pro-

grammes which are broadcast by

Radio Hong Kong during the

Chinatown New Year period, but

may I be permitted to ask why

it was necessary to broadcast a

recording of the Mikado during

the different programmes on Mon-

Govt Starts Pulling Down Roof-Top Squatter Huts

Precedence In Novel Incentive Plans

Two American shipping lines have set a precedence in novel incentive plans to keep a high standard of efficiency among their personnel.

The American President Line is providing prizes of free round-trip airfares to the Orient on its luxury liners for the most successful freight sales representatives of the company. The Pacific Far East Line in its "Efficiency Contest" provides monetary awards and a premium for ship efficiency.

The P.F.E.L. contest will have eight round-trip airfares on the President Cleveland and President Wilson during 1940. Four winners will be selected in April and four more, in August.

Wives of the trip winners will accompany their husbands without cost. In addition to the cruises, certain cash prizes will be awarded.

"E" For Efficiency

The P.F.E.L. "fleet efficiency contest," the first of which began last May, was won by the mv. Lightning. On Christmas Eve, officers and crew of the company's motor vessel were presented with bonuses. The Lightning will have "E" for efficiency painted on the stack for the present six-month period and will fly a special award burgee designed for the purpose.

The fleet efficiency contest seeks to improve appearance, and condition of ship, crew morale, reduce crew turnover, and increase production.

The four main departments on board ship—deck, steward, engine, purser—are graded for efficiency. The vessel with the highest average for all four is declared the winner.

The Lightning is meanwhile on the P.F.E.L. San Francisco-Yokohama run. She visited Hong Kong on several occasions last year. The local office reported yesterday that she is not included in the schedules for the Colony at present.

Commital Proceedings Started

Commital proceedings were started at Central yesterday against Li Kai-sui, aged 23, and Kwan Chung-kai, aged 21, charged with committing a robbery on December 2, at No. 23 Po Tak Street.

DSI Shaw prosecuted, and Kwan was defended by Mr. A. Arculli. DSI Shaw said that on December 2 last, four Chinese entered No. 23 Po Tak Street. Li was armed with a dagger. Kwan—a hand grenade and the other two, not in custody, had a revolver and dagger.

They went into the first cubicle and herded the principal tenant and her family into the second cubicle.

The occupants were bound with wire and gagged with towels. Kwan assisted Li in tying up the inmates and later guarded the entrance of the cubicle.

The robbers stayed in the premises for 15 minutes and ransacked the place of jewellery, money and clothing to the value of \$5,000.

Search Of Bus

Next day, detective PC 883 and Lo Shiu-fan, an occupant of the house went to the junction of Tai-to Road and Castle Peak Road. There a search was made of all passing trucks, buses and cars. The detective stopped bus No. 5,800 and the passengers were told to alight. Lo, at once recognized Li as one of the robbers.

On the way to the Police Station further enquiries revealed that Kwan was also on the same bus. The bus was stopped at Shatin, and Kwan was arrested.

When arrested, a gold ring, gold chain, a wrist watch and some money were found on Li.

At an identification parade, Li was picked out six times and Kwan twice.

The case was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

Reminders

Today
Mr. K. S. Fung's Men's Club, talk on "My Trip to Japan" by Mr. K. S. Fung, 12.45 p.m.

HK University Arts Association presents "The School for Scandal" at Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, 6.30 p.m. Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m. RAF Association luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK Football Association emergency sub-committee meeting, Prince's Rd., 5.15 p.m.

HK Art Club annual dinner, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m. Old Ally Lane's Dinner, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.

The first phase of Government's campaign to clear the roof-tops of squatters' settlements started yesterday morning, when 55 shacks on the roof of houses facing Thompson Road, Wan-chai, were pulled down by workmen of the Health Department.

The occupants of the shacks, numbering about 250 to 300 people, had received notice to quit before the Chinese New Year, but the time limit was extended to yesterday to give them a chance to look for alternative accommodation.

Personalia

Mr. Noel Ronald, of Carr Ransay and Son, Limited, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Swallow by the ss. Telamon.

Mrs. W. Hall, Messrs. E. Hall, E.T. Hall, Mrs. A.A. Joyce, James Petty, N. Wallace, Y. Gauher, V.J. Walpert, J.T. Inskoet, W.J. Gillard, H.K. Yen, L.J. Young, Sin Chang-Jing, R.W. Cooper and Lieutenant-Colonel C. Cornelius, were among the residents who left the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Fraser, Mrs. E.M. Hindler, Messrs. R.R. Smith, M. Elliott, G.E. Schlegeldecker, R.C. Sibley, F.A. Newell, K.E. Eppard, C.D. Simpson, G.M. Corbett, Lieutenant B.H. Fisher and Lieutenant-Commander R.E. Dirlitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wild and Mr. J. Merecki left Hong Kong yesterday for Japan by the ss. Changte.

The wedding took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office of Mr. Michael Constantin Yatskin, civil servant, of Arlington Hotel, Kowloon, and Miss Elenna Nodzadze, of 12 Floor Market Street, Kowloon, in the presence of Mr. V. Rumiantsev and Mrs. Melitza Parks.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Gustavo Roberto Remedios, accountant, E. Ott and Company Limited, of 90 Kennedy Road, first floor, and Miss Anne Louise Loo, of 50 Stanley Street, first floor.

JOHORE SULTAN "VERY ILL"

Singapore February 2. Dr. S.J. Pagler, personal physician to 75-year-old Sir Ibrahim, Sultan of Johore, arrived here today from Australia in response to a cable from the Sultan stating that he is "very ill."

Dr. Pagler was on holiday at Perth when he received the cable. The Sultan's aide declined to comment on the Sultan's illness. Sir Ibrahim, one of the richest men in the world, was crowned Sultan of the State and Territory of Johore, one of the Federated Malay States of British Malaya, in November 1895.—Reuters.

BAN ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Buenos Aires, February 1. The Argentine Central Bank today temporarily discontinued the granting of foreign exchange for any purpose. The decision was taken on the advice of the newly-constituted National Economic Council.

An official announcement says the step was taken to enable a study of the foreign exchange situation and the drafting of new regulations. The measure affects all exchange permits for imports and transfers of funds abroad.—Reuters.

ART EXHIBIT

A three-day exhibition of the Human Studio was opened at the Hotel Cecil, Charter Road, yesterday.

More than 80 pieces of various kinds of artistic works, including oil paintings, water colours, sketches, wood-cuts and wash drawings, etc., are on view.

Among the artists, Teh Wei and Chang Wen Yuan are painters in wash drawings and cartoonists.

Yen, Na, Wei, Yang He, engravers; Lu Wu-ya and Chen Yitien, oil painters; and Fang Ching and Cheng Chi-chun, water colourists.

The stowaway was apprehended on the promenade deck on January 30. He admitted that he boarded the ship at Manila and failed to leave when the call "All visitors ashore" was sounded.

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Stowaway To Be Returned

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Health Department workmen are shown pulling down roof-top squatter huts in Wan-chai yesterday. (China Mail Photo).

Orchestra Gets 14 New Members

Fourteen new members have joined the Orchestral Section of the Sino-British Club Music Group.

The Club has decided to forgive

the assistance of the Services

players and to concentrate on per-

manent residents who can be relied

on to attend rehearsals regularly.

The Club now has a balanced

orchestra composed of 21 strings,

six wood-wind, four brass and one

percussion.

Dr. Bard continues as conductor

and rehearsals are being held

weekly at the Cosmo Club, Pottinger Street.

The first concert of the re-

organized Orchestra will be held

on February 26 at St. Stephen's

Girls' College, Lyttleton Road.

The music will include Correlli's

Concerto Grossa, Liszt's Hun-

garian Rhapsody No. 14, Mendels-

sohn's Fingal's Cave Overture, and

a Meyerbeer March.

As a long-term plan the Com-

mmittee hopes to regain the name

"Symphony Orchestra". To

accomplish this, more players,

principally two Bassoons, two

more French Horns and one more

Trumpet and Trombone, are need-

ed. Anyone with news of such

players may contact Dr. Bard,

telephone 26545.

Contrary to expectation, there

were no scenes when the Health

Department personnel arrived.

"They had been told before the

Chinese New Year that this morn-

ing was the start of the new year,"

said a Health Department official.

First Phase

"This is just the first phase of the roof-top clearing campaign. These shacks are a menace to public health. The first danger is another thing, but we are primarily concerned with health," said a Health Department official.

Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans said that Ku Kung-tsang, a 20-year-old girl living at 131 Tam Kung Road, first floor, was walking along Tam Kung Road at 10.25 a.m. on February 1 when defendant went up from behind and snatched the small plastic purse she was carrying.

The girl raised the alarm and gave chase. Detective-constable 1933 Chu Kong, on duty nearby, joined in the chase and, after a short run, arrested accused who, on being searched, was found to be carrying a knife.

Defendant brought the detector

to the spot where he had thrown the purse away. In the purse were 19 cents and a bundle of keys.

Most of the hut-dwellers, inter-

viewed by the "China Mail,"

said they had no place to go to, and would have to sleep in the streets or find some other roof-

tops.

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Classified Advertisements accepted up to 6 p.m. for publication in the following day's paper.

Replies for the Following Box Nos. are awaiting collection.

No. 723.

Replies will be forwarded to the Advertiser if requested on the original form which should bear their name and address.

A suitable announcement will be inserted free of charge if Advertisers' requirements are satisfactorily answered.

WANTED KNOWN

HOLLYWOOD STORE—Now on display new consignment of Gowns—Coutts—Suits, etc. Stock taking sale on from today. Costume Jewellery—Handbags—Shoes—Dresses—Suits and Coats from \$40—\$100. Room 200, Melbourne Hotel, 10 a.m.—12 p.m. and 3 p.m.—6.30 p.m.

TAMARA MAY—Room 603, Peninsula Hotel now holding SALE of American Dresses, etc. At Bargain Prices. Orders taken for Wedding and Evening Gowns, Etc. European Workmanship Only.

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CARPETS, embossed, plain, fancy, in Chinese Oriental and Persian designs. All sizes. All colours. Carpet Industries 63 Austin Road, Kowloon.

LADIES we have at your service all specialized operations for Helene Curtis, cool waves, machineless oil perms, hairdyes & manicure—ROSE MARIE Beauty Parlour—Phone 60384—43, Han-kow Rd., Kowloon.

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FOR SALE second hand Westinghouse Refrigerator in perfect working order. Can be seen any morning, Hong Kong Side, price \$60. Dollars. Box 727 "China Mail."

INDUSTRIAL firm has part of its installation available for the manufacture of new metal articles. Will those interested please send enquiries to Box No. 728 "China Mail."

POST CARD PHOTOGRAPHS of Hongkong, 18 beautiful views, 30 cents each at Ye Olde Printerie, Ltd.

ACCOUNT BOOKS, Cash book 189 leaves, Ledger 179 leaves, Journal 378 pages, strongly bound, good paper, \$65.00 the set or \$20.00 each at Ye Olde Printerie, Ltd.

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BRIDGE SCORING PADS, 100 sheets per pad, \$1.00 each or four for \$3.00, at Ye Olde Printerie, Ltd.

MONO-KONG FILM AND THEATRUM NEWS at 50 cents per copy. Obtainable at Leading Book Stores, Newsagents, Salaries and "China Mail" Office.

FOR SALE

PILOT RADIO. Same reliable pre-war quality now obtainable at popular prices, made possible only by increased demand and large sales. World Reception Models from \$100 each. Obtainable at all the better dealers or direct from Colonial Agencies, Teakoohey Bldg., 74 Queen's Road. Phone 20310.

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SCRIBBLING PADS—100 pages at 60 cents each. On sale at "China Mail" office, Windsor House, Tel. 82312.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20224.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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On View from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1940.

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1940, at Noon, to transact the following business:

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1938.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1940, to the 28th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

We have moved our office from 201, Victory House to Room 112, Marina House on the 1st, February, 1940.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

THE EVERGREEN'S CIRCUS TOWELS

New DECOMART towels in matching patterns for Bath, Hand, and Face:

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NOTICE

Mr. Jose Eduardo Noronha has this day been authorised to sign per procuracion for this Company.

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February 1, 1940.

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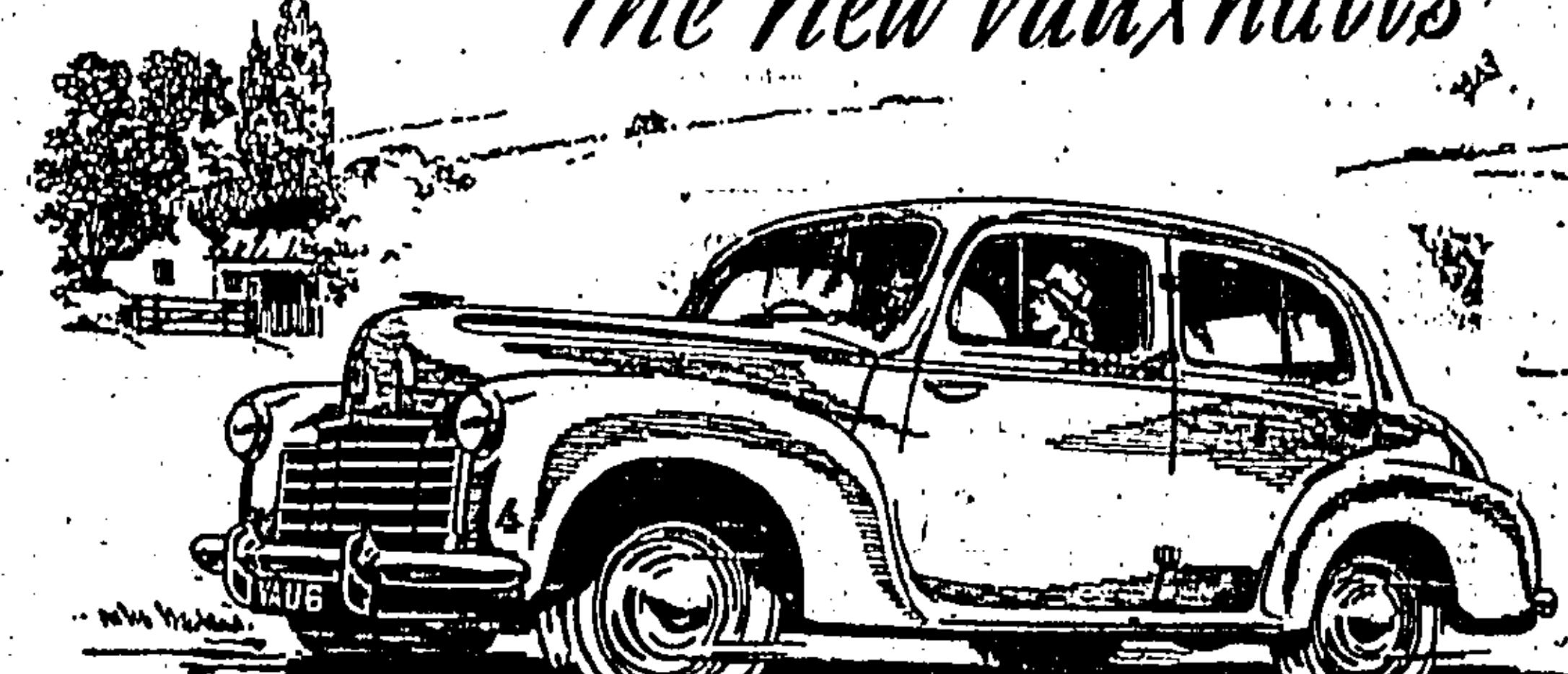
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REMINDER**HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB****COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 21, 1940.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 11, 1940.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that Mr. Wong Wing Tong and Mr. Lee Wah Chue have joined us as Director and Chinese Advisory Managers.

DREYER & CO., LTD.

February 1, 1940.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Wing Lok St. East between Morrison Street and Cleverley St. will be closed to Traffic as from 8 a.m. on Thursday 3.2.40 until repairs to roadway are completed.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
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THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., (1933) LTD.**REVISION OF FARES**

NOTICE IS HERBLY GIVEN that as from the 1st day of February, 1940, the undermentioned Bus Routes will be divided into Sectional Stages and fares will be charged as follows:

Route No. 1. Star Ferry and Kowloon City. Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

Route No. 2. Star Ferry and Shamshui Po. Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Shum Shui Po.

Route No. 3. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

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Route No. 5. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan. Via—Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Mu Tau Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Tai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Austin Road.
- Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
- Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
- Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 6. Star Ferry and Lai Chi Kok. Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Peace Avenue.
- Peace Avenue and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 8. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong. Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Knight Street, Cumberland Road, and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Kowloon Hospital.
- Kowloon Hospital and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 10. Star Ferry and The Monument. Via—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Chatham Road, Kimberly Road, Austin Road, Cox's Path and Jordan Road.

SECTIONAL STAGE

- Star Ferry and The Monument. (One Section only).

Route No. 11. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon City. Via—Jordan Road, Gascoigne Road, Chatham Road, Matauwei Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon Dock Gate.
- Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
- Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.

Route No. 12. Jordan Road Ferry and Lai Chi Kok. Via—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road (Sh

GUERILLAS ACTIVE IN JAVA, SUMATRA

Churches Back Java Action

Amsterdam, February 2. A group of church leaders declared today that the recent Dutch conquest of Indonesia is the only reasonable step the Dutch Government could have taken under the present circumstances.

The statement was made by Executive Members of the International Council of Christian Churches, who met here to discuss a recent declaration of the Dutch Reformed Church disapproving the Dutch action.

The members agreed with a recent letter written by Arle Kok, General Secretary of the Council, in which he said the Dutch action will prevent Indonesia from becoming a second China.

Kok's letter was written to Dr. W. O. H. Garman, President of the American Council of Christian Churches, which is described as an American organization representing 15 Protestant denominations and over 1,000,000 members.

The International Council, founded last year in Amsterdam, represents politically conservative churches throughout the world. Associated Press.

Longest Pier Being Repaired

Manila, February 1. The longest pier in the Far East, badly damaged in the war, is being reconstructed.

Work has started on rebuilding of Manila's Pier 13 as one of the main projects of U. S. army engineers in the programme of rehabilitating Philippine port and harbour facilities under the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946.

The pier, formerly known as Pier 7, is 1,400 feet long. Before the war it had one long cargo shed. The reconstructed pier will have four separate cargo sheds for greater efficiency. United Press.

LANDING RIGHTS FOR DUTCH

London, February 1. Britain has granted Dutch KLM airlines landing rights on Mauritius Island in the Indian Ocean. The Dutch are not to use the landing field for planes bearing military supplies.

India and Pakistan recently denied Dutch planes the right to land in their territories because of the Dutch military operations against the Indonesians. United Press.

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PRICES AS USUAL

Batavia, February 2. A Dutch military review said today that guerrillas continued attacks throughout Java and Sumatra all through the past week.

It said guerrillas hammered at road traffic and interfered with industry.

The Army reported progress in mopping up operations against Indonesian Republicans except in Northern Sumatra's Atjeh Mountains area, the last remaining Republican area which the Dutch forces have not penetrated.

The review said Dutch forces

regularly having been seizing large amounts of munitions and weapons from guerrilla forces and cutting down their ability to strike.

A communiqué said fighting is continuing in the Northern frontier area of Sumatra about 23 miles North of Medan.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia reports that it has no further information on whether the Netherlands Government has taken steps to carry out the Security Council resolution.

Strike In Hospitals

Paris, February 1. The staffs of six Paris hospitals stopped work today without waiting for the results of a strike vote by 34,000 State hospital employees.

A joint committee of the three main unions involved announced later that the first results of the referendum show that 95 per cent of the employees, including nurses, are in favour of the strike.

The are protesting against what are called "unsatisfactory wage reclassifications and propose to stop work for 48 hours." —Reuters.

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also prepared, in the event the Germans in Denmark should decide to fight to a finish, to provide additional strength for an airborne attack to cross the Kiel Canal.

When Bremen finally fell to Montgomery's force April 20, the resistance in his front became markedly weaker. He quickly transferred his main effort to the sector of the British 8 Corps, which launched an attack across the Elbe on April 20.

The U.S. XVIII Corps made a simultaneous crossing somewhat to the south and provided right flank protection to the British 8 Corps' army in its further advances.

On May 1, the 11th Armoured Division of the British 8 Corps began a brilliant dash across Schleswig-Holstein to the Baltic and entered Lubeck on the afternoon of May 2. This sealed off the enemy in Denmark and also prevented any of the defeated forces in Germany from withdrawing into that country.

Montgomery, now rapidly consolidating his gains all along his front, and on May 3, the U.S. XVIII Corps made contact with the Russians in Montgomery's sector. With Berlin in flames and the Northern flank of the Red Army attack sweeping in our direction across Germany, all resistance collapsed. Swarms of Germans streaming back from the Russian front now began giving themselves up to the Anglo-American armies. American troops standing on the Rhine daily received these prisoners by the thousands.

On Montgomery's left his Canadian Army had, in the meantime, continued its successful operations and rapidly cleaned up its entire front except that it made no attempt to turn back into Western Holland, where the Germany Twenty-fifth Army was entrenched.

We knew that conditions in Holland had been steadily deteriorating and, after the advance of the Allies, the German army had no means of restoring a single front against either the Russians or ourselves. With his world collapsing about him, the German soldier lost all desire to fight.

Only in isolated instances did commanders succeed in maintaining cohesion among their units. During the first three weeks of April the Western Allies captured more than a million prisoners.

Before the Allied advance across central Germany began, we knew that the German Government was preparing to evacuate Berlin. The administrative offices seemed to be moving to the Southward, possibly in the National Redoubt. Continuation of the movement was no longer possible after Bradley's speedy advance barred their North-South traffic across the country. We knew also that Hitler had been unable to go South and that he was making his last stand in Berlin. Nevertheless, the strong possibility still existed that fanatical Nazis would attempt to establish themselves in the National Redoubt, and the early re-taking of that area remained important to us. In the North, also, there remained weighty reasons for speeding up the planned attack in the direction of Lubeck.

The Lubeck advance would capture the last remaining submarine bases of the German and would effectively eliminate the final vestiges of that once serious menace.

We could not predict the action of the German occupation forces in Denmark. It was possible they would choose to defend that region stubbornly and in that event we planned to conduct a lightning campaign against them.

In early April, Montgomery had estimated that, to carry out the mission assigned him, he would need no strength beyond the seventeen divisions then in his Twenty-first Army Group. I offered him additional logistic assistance by reserving for him a portion of capacity of the American railroad bridge at Wesel. This help he declined. But as the operations developed on his flank, he found his troops rapidly used up and in the interests of speed, naked for additional strength and supply assistance. Both I was glad to provide. I attached temporarily to Montgomery's force the U.S. XVIII Airborne Corps under General Ridgway. It was to operate in a ground role to support Montgomery's attack. But we were



It is not quite correct to say that there is nothing to be got out of further talks with the Russians. At least, we always get the envoy back.

The Government complains that the number of applicants for Defence Medals is disappointing. Most of us want to know what else to use for chest expanders.

"Five Pennies Every Hour," says a heading. But we always understand that it was one a minute.

Cigarette prices have gone up. This naturally follows.

Professor Simon on Tuesday night gave a lecture on "Some Thoughts On Learning a Foreign Language." Leaving out the swear-words, is there anything to say on this subject?

A correspondent is aggrieved because "The Mikado" was played over Radio Hong Kong when he was not listening. These unco-operative Government departments!

Announcement that the new hotel rates legislation has been further postponed, prompts Ernesto to inquire: "What is a transient?"

London crime report. "Robbery was not the motive, because the victim's cigarette case was still half-full."

Many young people would find life impossible without their cocktail friends," states a clergyman. "It's meet and drink to them."

Cases of fish have been stolen from lorries at Aberdeen. Alas, poor fish! He gets stolen by hook or crook.

"I didn't care for my husband's beard, at first, but it grows on me."

"I'm very glad it doesn't grow on me!"

A HK landlord says the monthly rents he collects from one of his properties do not even cover the cost of whitewashing the building. With the result, we presume, that the white-wash does not cover the building.

"Child," said the schoolmaster, "do you know that you have broken the eighth commandment by stealing your comrade's ice-cream?"

"Well sir," replied the unrepentant boy, "I thought I might just as well break the eighth and have the ice-cream than break the tenth and covet it."

I incurred a warning that I would tolerate no interference with the relief programme and that if the Germans were guilty of any breach of faith I would later refuse to treat them as prisoners of war.

I considered that continued occupation of Holland by the Germans was senseless and that any further repressive acts for which they were responsible should be punished. At the conference General Smith also proposed that the German commander Blaskowitz should surrender his forces at once. Soysa-Inquart reported, however, that as long as the German Government held out, Blaskowitz could under no circumstance capitulate.

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NORWAY REPLIES TO RUSSIA

**Conciliatory Answer To Moscow's Note
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Denmark's Part In Alliance

London, February 2.
Sylvain Mangat, Beuter's diplomatic correspondent writes: Observers in London believe that Russia's note to Norway will speed up the issue from Washington of formal invitations to an Atlantic Union conference.

It has always been assumed in London that invitations to Norway and Denmark will be issued simultaneously. If, as a result of the Soviet note, Norway receives and accepts an invitation in the very near future, as now seems likely, Denmark will also seek Parliamentary approval for such a step. It is thought in London,

The Soviet note to Norway caused little surprise in Scandinavian circles in London, where it had been known that undiplomatic Russian envoys in Oslo and Stockholm had been made about Nordic membership of the Atlantic Union.

Russia, it is recalled, made a somewhat similar inquiry of Norway some eight months ago on the possibility of her granting bases to the Western powers at Spitzbergen.

Now, as then, Norway will, it is assumed, here be able to give assurances that no permission for foreign bases on Norwegian territory is involved.—Reuter.

Britain Shipping Gold To U.S.

London, February 1.
Britain is continuing to make big gold shipments to the United States—over £20,000,000 worth was made in December.

The shipments are ascribed to the rebuilding of British-owned gold and dollar stocks in the United States.

These stocks were heavily depleted by arrears of ERP rembursements to Britain during the first six months of ERP between April and September.

They are now being restored to a more normal level.

During that period Britain had to raise more dollars by actually selling gold to the U.S. Treasury. Since the end of September, ERP receipts, including arrears, have appreciably exceeded the sterling area's dollar deficit, and Britain has been able to replace part of the gold and dollars drawn from reserves in the previous six months.

The present Westward movement must thus be only a change of location (or a change from gold into dollars) but not a change of ownership: shipments are additions to Britain's stock of U.S. dollars or stock of gold held in the United States.

Shipments may also include some (probably small) movements on South African account—either shipments by South African authorities via London or gold which they sell direct to the United States, or shipments from Britain on South African behalf, in advance of gold reimbursement from South Africa for a portion of South Africa's hard currency deficit, which London covers as South Africa's agent.

Normally, direct gold shipments from South Africa to the United States are cheaper than triangular shipments via London but the triangular route may sometimes be used in naval vessels. It is understood that no South African gold comes to London except in naval vessels.—Reuter.

QUESTION FOR MR. ATTLEE

London, February 2.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is to be asked whether he will offer to arrange a meeting between President Truman and Premier Stalin.

A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Ronald Chamberlain, will make the suggestion in the House of Commons on Thursday.—Associated Press.

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Washington Drops Hint To Europe On Military Help

Washington, February 1.
The State Department said today that the United States hopes Norway and other nations soon will be brought into discussions on the proposed North Atlantic security pact.

The statement adds that the U.S. stands firmly on President Truman's announced position that American military assistance will be given only to those nations which co-ordinate their security arrangements with the security plans of the United States.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, added that he can not identify the "other governments" at the present time.

Mr. McDermott said: "Neither Norway nor any other country outside those already engaged in the discussions have been invited to be a party to the pact." "We have not been in a position to discuss it with them. But we hope to be in a position to discuss the whole subject not only with Norway but with other governments soon."

It is believed authoritatively that the question of invitations to other governments will be discussed "when the British, French, Benelux and Canadian representatives meet Mr. John Belcher in a junior Ministerial reshuffle officially announced tonight."

"Many Inquiries"

Mr. McDermott denied reports that the United States directly communicated with the Norwegian Foreign Office over the weekend on the subject of the pact.

He added: "Many people have inquired about the pact. Lately, inquirers concerning the possibilities of military supplies from the United States have been referred to that passage of the President's inaugural message which said that, in addition to the North Atlantic treaty, we will provide military advice and equipment to free nations which will co-operate with us in the maintenance of peace and security."

Asked if the State Department will deny that the American position on Scandinavian participation in the pact was communicated to the Scandinavian Governments before the end of their recent discussions, Mr. McDermott said: "I do not think it would."—Reuter.

London, February 1.
The Federation Government is considering a technical training scheme costing \$153,729,000 and providing facilities for 500 students here.

This is an interim measure. The full project, estimated at nearly \$155,000,000, is to be developed later. It includes a new technical college with two hostels (each housing 250), staff quarters and a sports stadium. The new technical college, to be situated on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, is calculated to help meet the crying need for technicians in the country. It is to be residential and equipped with proper laboratory facilities. The interim scheme provides for the same teaching facilities but smaller residences and staff quarters.

Five full-time courses will be provided in civil, electrical, mechanical and telecommunication engineering and survey.

Capital for the project will be appropriated from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.—Associated Press.

The Admiralty spokesman said: "We cannot find out whether she has left Murmansk, but we are working on the assumption that she has done so." He added that the battleship is due at Rosyth next Thursday.

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RETURN OF A BATTLESHIP

London, February 1.
The British battleship Royal Sovereign, sent to Russia during the war and now being returned to Britain, was due to leave Murmansk last Thursday for Rosyth, Scotland, but no definite information of her movements is available at the Admiralty.

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A two-penny stamp issued in Cook Island in 1932 with the centre upside down fetched £20 in London today.—Reuter.

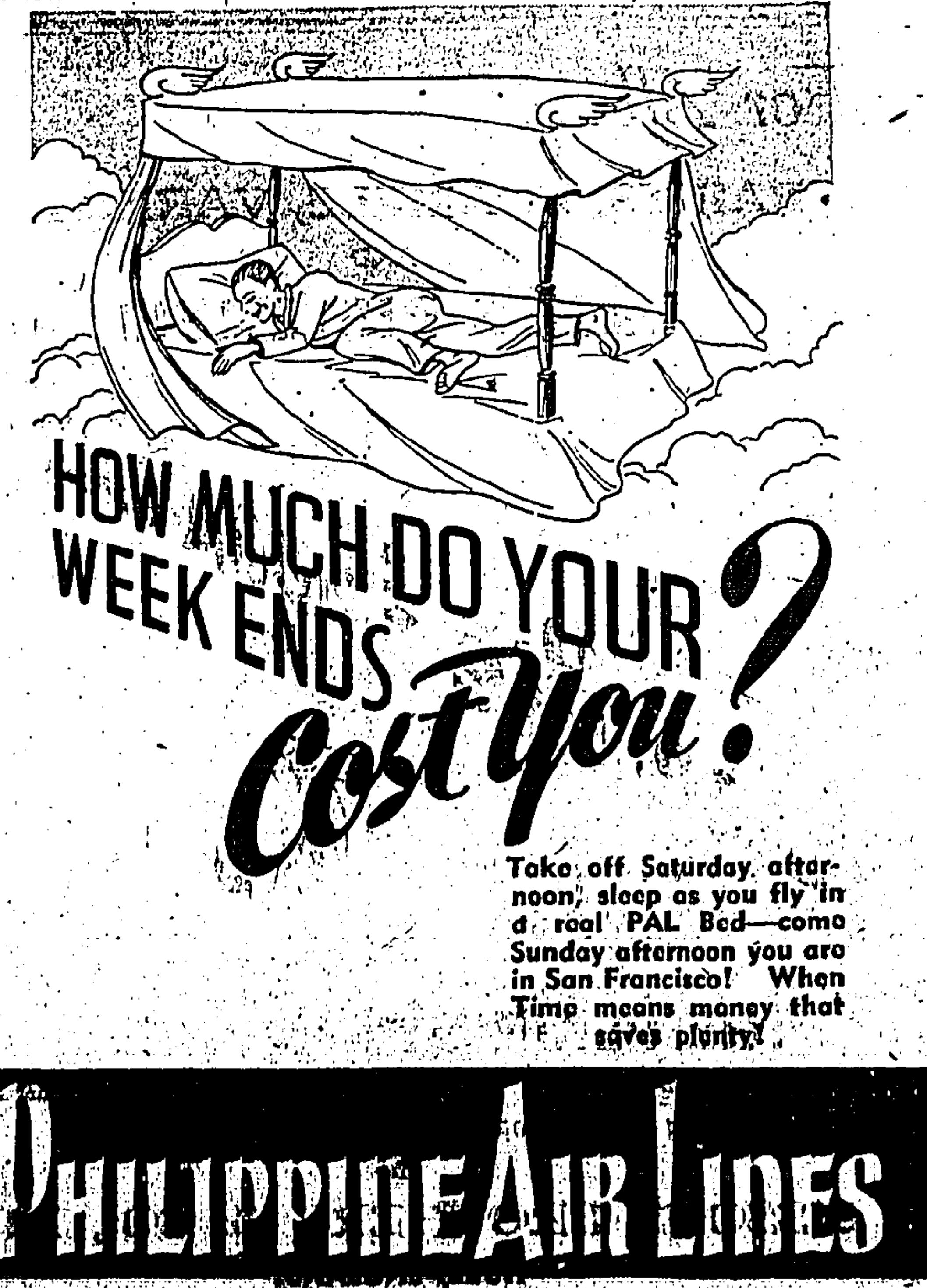
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Vietnam And Chinese Reds

(The following is the first eye-witness report on the capture of Tientsin by the Communists and the conditions prevailing there now. The report, sent via Peiping, took two and a half days to reach Shanghai.)

Tientsin, January 30.

Although little more than a fortnight has passed since the fall of Tientsin, the city is quickly returning to normal, street barricades have been removed and the town will probably witness an economic boom if telecommunications are restored.

Hitherto the city has been isolated telegraphically while the railways are not available for the use of foreigners, who must obtain travel permits which nobody is authorised to issue.

Vietnam forces are holding themselves in readiness for a general counter-attack against the French forces in Indo-China.—Reuter.

Unions To Meet In Peiping

Paris, February 1. An Asian fact-finding trade union conference will meet in Communist-held Peiping in the first week of May, the World Federation of Trade Unions' Executive Committee decided here tonight.

The Committee, before ending its four-day session, also agreed to notify the United Nations Economic Council of the treatment by certain Asian governments of trade union officials.

The Peiping conference will be open to all organised labour movements.

The suggestion came from a five-member sub-committee headed by the Chinese delegate, Mr. H. T. Liu.

The Australian delegate, Mr. A. E. Monk, spoke of the trade union position in India, Malaya, Burma, Indonesia, Indochina and Siam, and said that in some of these countries unions are only allowed to operate as Government-sponsored organisations.

He doubted whether the Governments concerned will issue visas for delegates to travel to Peiping unless they are representatives of Government-sponsored unions.—Reuter.

FOREIGN FIRMS IN THE PI

Manila, February 1. Foreign firms and corporations may lease public lands for industrial and residential purposes, according to the Secretary of Justice, Mr. Sabino Padilla, today.

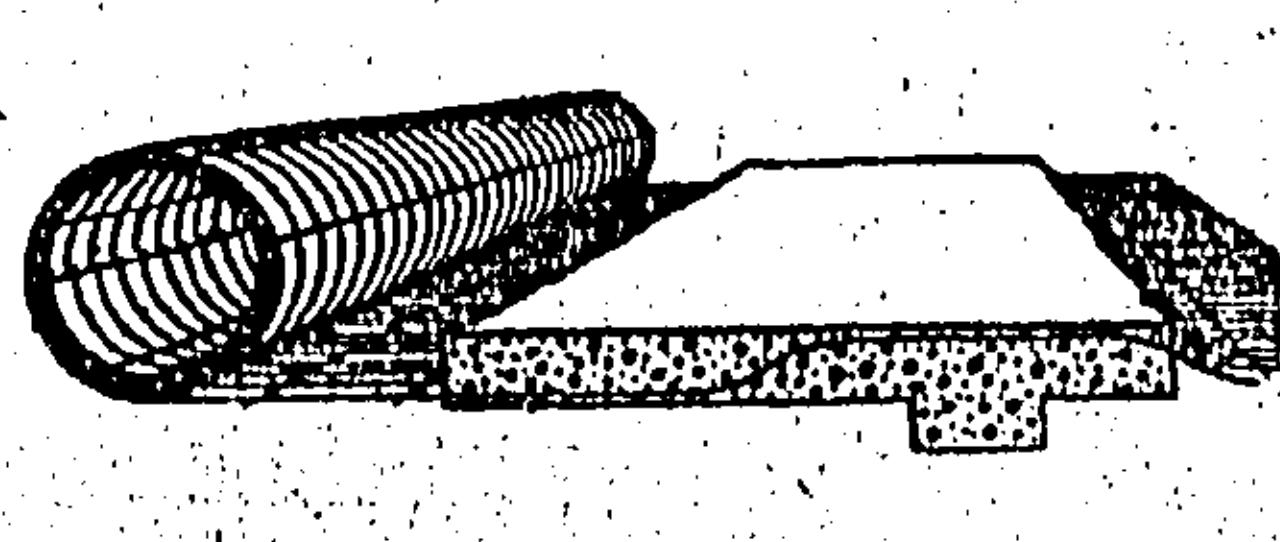
Under the present law on public domains, known as the Commonwealth Act, No. 141, Mr. Padilla said foreign corporations and partnerships are disallowed from purchasing or acquiring public lands for the exploitation of natural resources or for agricultural purposes.

The opinion was formulated this afternoon by the Justice Secretary at the request of Mr. Plaiddo Mapa, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.—Reuter.

Rome, February 1. Snow fell in Rome today for the first time this winter.—Reuter.

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DIVORCE ALLEGATION OF "SERIOUS INSULT"

Paris, February 2. Prince Aly Khan's wife will allege in her divorce action that he "seriously insulted" her by announcing his desire to marry Rita Hayworth, the film star.

The Princess' lawyer, Jean Rapoport, announcing this, said that the papers in the case will be filed today.

"Serious insults" is one of the standard grounds for divorce in France.

M. Rapoport added that the divorce application will tell how Prince Aly and the American screen star have often been seen together since last summer.

It will also mention that she went with him to Ostend, Switzerland, at Christmas time to see his two sons.

Because of the children, M. Rapoport said, the application will be phrased in "moderate terms."

At a press conference, last month in Cannes, Prince Aly told reporters that the visit had been arranged by agreement with his wife, the former Mrs. Noel Guinness.

He said that he and Miss Hayworth will be married as soon as he is free.

"Conciliation"

Miss Hayworth was recently divorced from the actor, Orson Welles. They have a daughter, Rebecca, aged four, who was also at the Ostend Christmas gathering.

Prince Aly Khan and his wife will meet at a Paris lawyer's office on Thursday for the "conciliation attempt" which is compulsory under French law for all couples seeking a divorce.

Earlier reports said the Prince would apply in a month's time, but the proceedings have been speeded up by Prince Aly Khan's decision to take advantage of his British citizenship.

This will avoid delays through inquiries by French lawyers on the relationship of the divorce law to Indian customs. As the Prince will present himself as a British citizen, the case will be considered a normal divorce between two British subjects.—Associated Press and Reuter.

How queer a trick of fate that the strongest upholder of modernism among the peoples of Asia in their dealings with those same Europeans should be Mr. Nehru, whose nationalism has led him to spend so many years in British guilo.

"How great a tribute to the Indian leader's character!"—Reuter.

Asia On The March

London, February 1. Vernon Bartlett, commentator in the Liberal News-Chronicle, today emphasises the importance of the Asian Conference in New Delhi.

He writes:—"The collapse of Chiang Kai-shek's regime has pushed other news of the Far East into the background, but this first clash by the Asian countries to settle the affairs of their continent may prove even more important than China's change of direction. Everywhere in Asia the people are on the march." He continues: "In both continents the Communists are busily inflaming the passions of the masses against those Europeans who have for so long dominated them and who, yet at the same time, taught them to value liberty.

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French Loan A Success

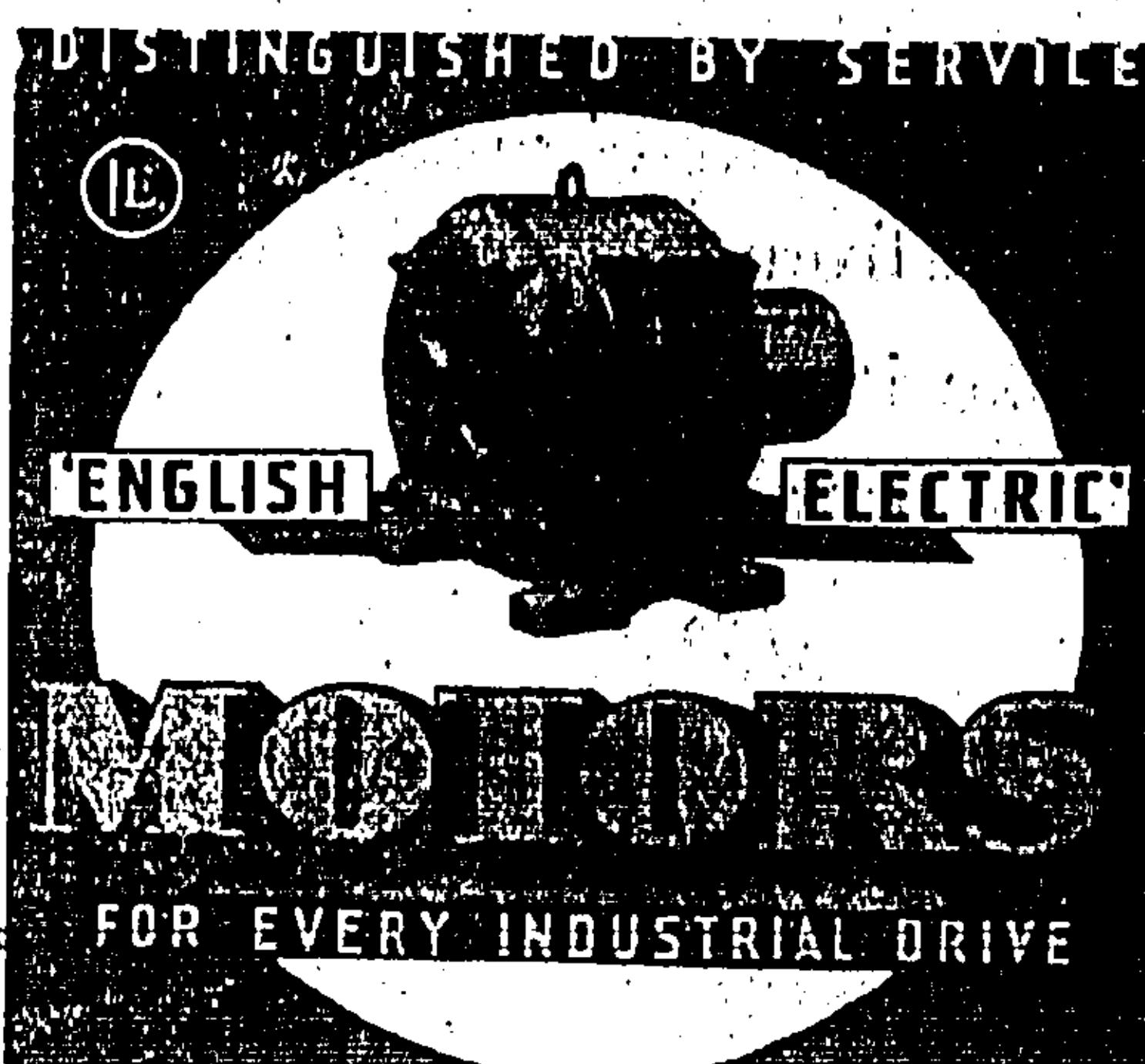
Paris, February 1. The Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille, said in a broadcast tonight that subscriptions to the new French five per cent Government loan have already exceeded the minimum 100,000 million francs.

He added: "Taking into account the speeding up of subscriptions, I can say that yesterday's dealings have enabled us to go beyond the 100,000 million francs mark and almost 60 per cent of this is in fresh money." Paris financial quarters think the present loan will be closed between February 15 and 20.—Reuter.

WINSTON APPEAL FOR RECRUITS

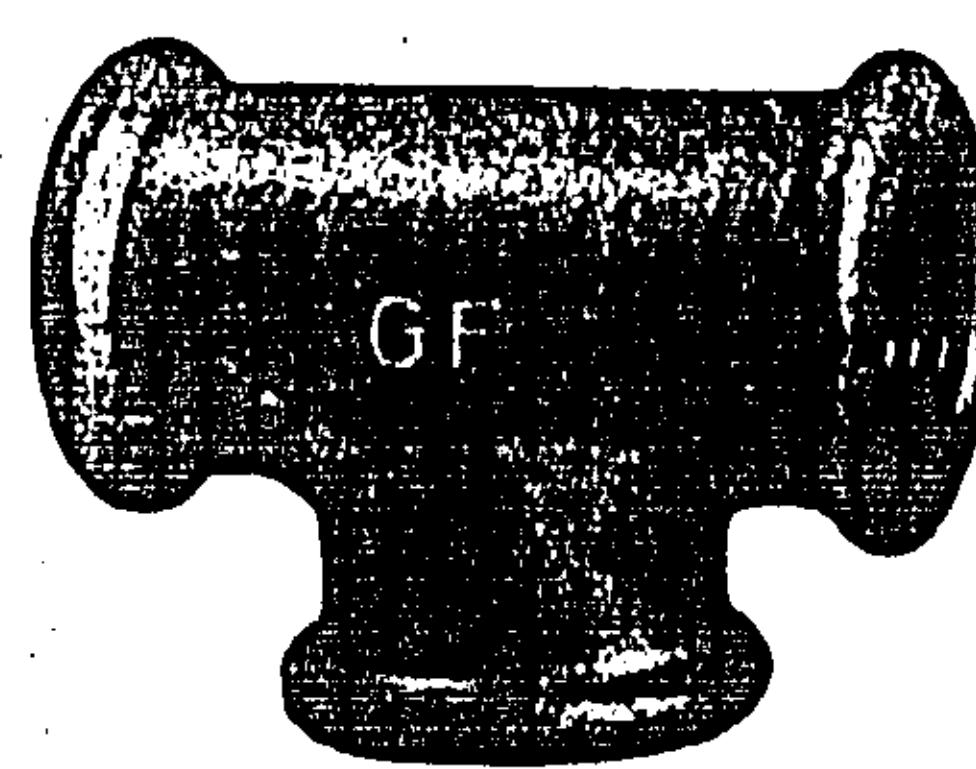
London, February 1. Mr. Winston Churchill has accepted an invitation from the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, to broadcast a recruiting speech in the campaign to speed up enlistment in the Territorial Army.

The announcement in the House of Commons today was greeted with cheers.—Reuter.



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PLAN FOR BERLIN GETS APPROVAL

Berlin, February 2. Berlin's newly-elected City Parliament today gave a unanimous vote of confidence to its Mayor's programme of opposition to Communism and socialisation measures for industry.

Shell Property Destroyed

The Nationalists abandoned motor vehicles in mid-street while drums of petrol were thrown into the streets by wrecked warehouses. The Communists went about their duties in a business-like manner but were humane in their treatment of the Nationalists.

The Communists claim to have captured alive the Garrison commander, General Chen Chieh-cheng, and Mayor Tu Chieh-shih.

Despite the heavy shelling, foreign properties were relatively little damaged although fire consumed the Shell Oil Company's 5,000 drums of kerosene, 200 tons of Diesel oil and both warehouses.

Individuals and their experiences count for little in the overall picture in which a new China is being born and where, despite the anti-American slogans, Hollywood films are being screened.

Reuter.

Socialisation measures are now before the city's British, American and French military governors for approval.

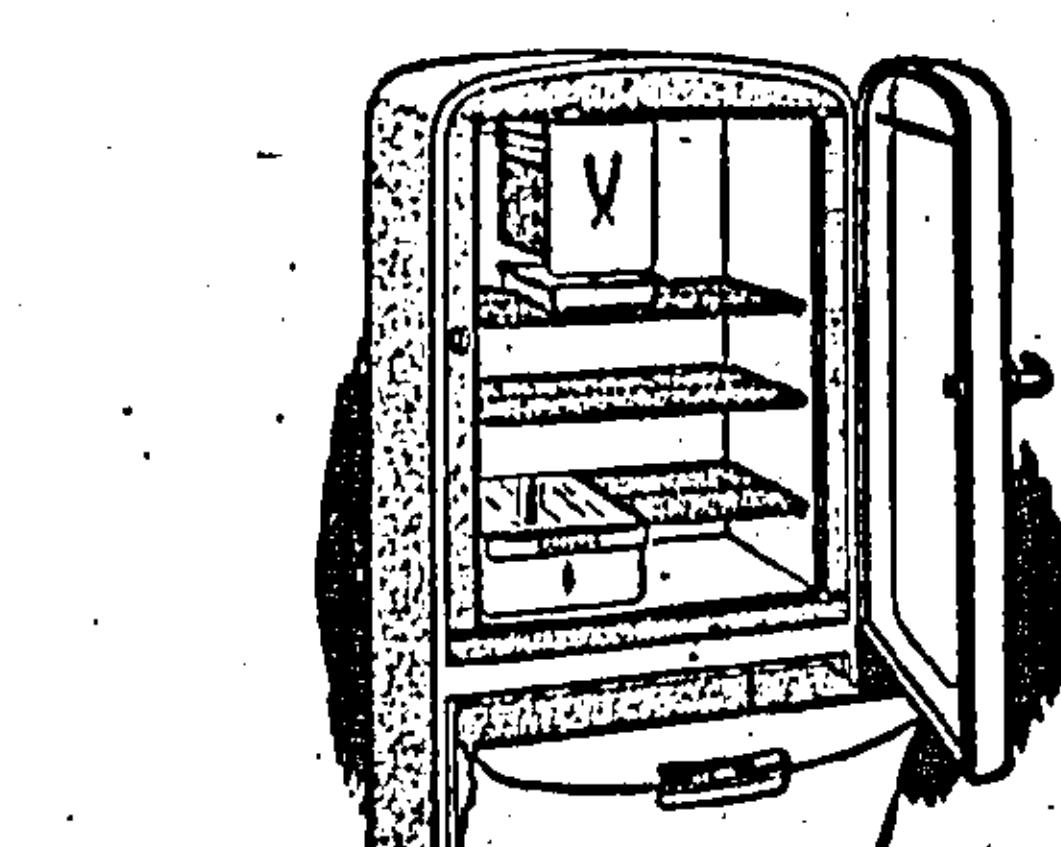
Professor Reuter is going to London on an official visit this week. He will explain Berlin's special needs and problems to British statesmen.

Professor Reuter, asking the City Parliament to adopt the Western Deutsche mark as Western Berlin's currency, said that the present system of two currencies in the Western sectors has caused great confusion and social hardships.

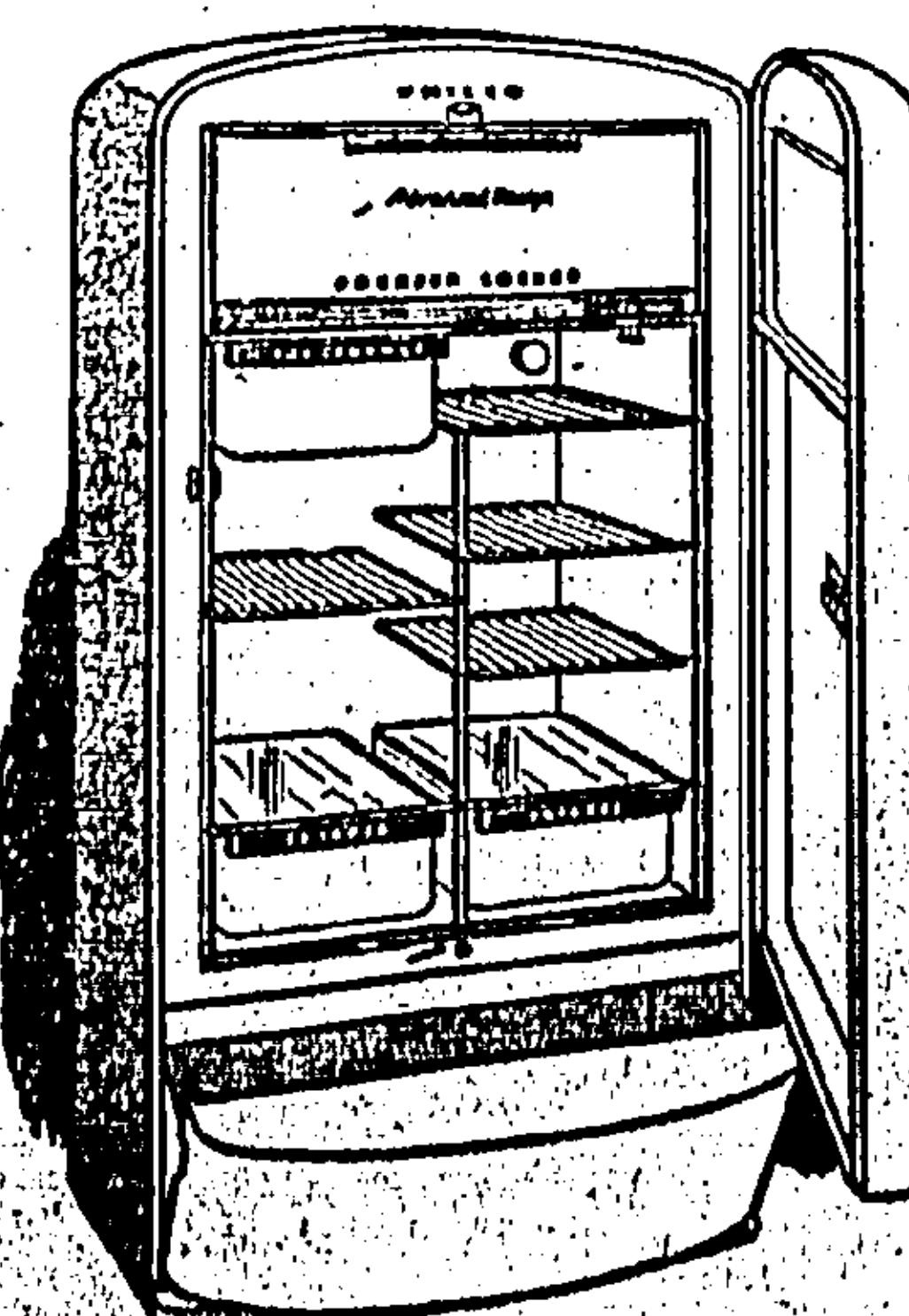
The present rate of exchange is three and one-half East marks for one West mark. While most workers are paid only in East marks, almost all unrationed products are sold for West marks.

Mr. Reuter said that this situation implies grave dangers to the city's economy.—Associated Press.

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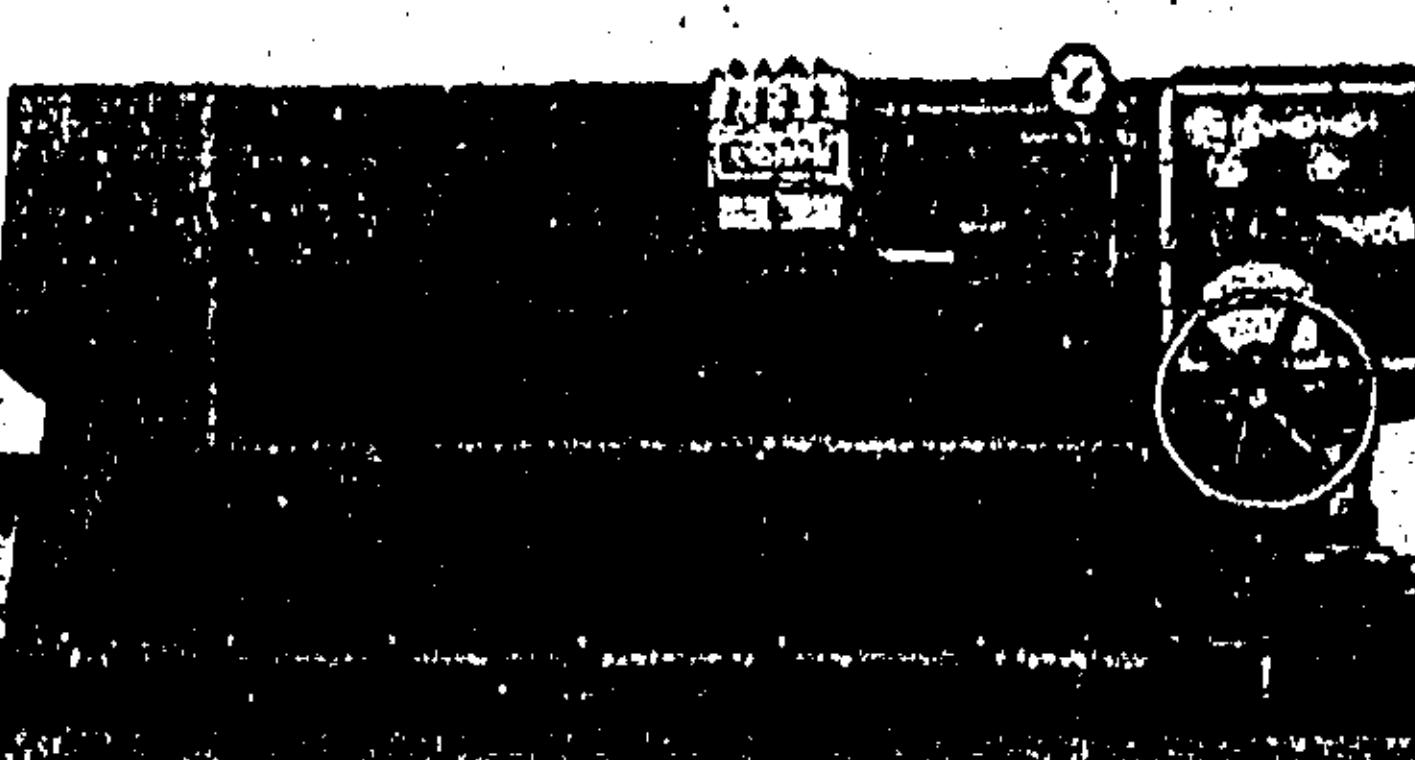


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Rangoon Ready To Recognise Karens

Rangoon, February 1.
The Burma Government is prepared to grant a separate State for the Karens—the country's largest minority now fighting the Government in a countrywide uprising. The Government, however, is determined to prevent secession of that State even at the risk of civil war.

The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Na, announced this today. It is officially announced today that General Nay Win, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Burmese armed forces, will succeed General Smith Dun, the Commander-in-Chief, who offered his resignation to the Government yesterday.

Pro-Government reports say that General Smith Dun's resignation is related to the Karen revolt. He is a Karen.

Administrative and key buildings in the capital were heavily guarded today as Government forces commenced dismantling Karen tribesmen in the Northern suburbs.

Fighting along the Rangoon-Insein road has stopped, but tension is high.

Official sources say the Government had asked India to postpone the goodwill mission expected here tomorrow because of the grave situation in the country. The mission was to be headed by Dr. Pattabhi, President of the All-India Congress.

Gunfire Audible

The mission was coming to Rangoon to discuss with Burmese officials the question of compensation.

Ex-Premier's Daughter On Stage

London, February 2.
Miss Mimi Sjahrir, pretty 19-year-old daughter of the former Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, will make her debut as a dancer in London on Friday night.

She will be the featured attraction in a programme of Indonesian folk dances to be held at Conway Hall for the benefit of the Indonesian Red Cross. She left Java at the time her father was Ambassador-at-large for the Indonesian Republic.

Miss Sjahrir, who came to London from Singapore, is studying the piano at Queen's College.

Her father, Sultan Sjahrir, is one of the most famous Indonesian Nationalist leaders. He was arrested by the Dutch during last December's military operations against the Republic.—Associated Press.

tion to Indian landowners under India's Land Nationalisation Act. Gunfire was clearly audible in the suburbs of Rangoon earlier today when fighting continued between Karen and Burmans at Insein, 10 miles North of here. All road and rail traffic was interrupted and telephone communications cut.—Reuters.

Hopes For Wheat Trading Pact

Washington, February 2:
Chinese and Filipino delegates to the International Wheat Conference believe the outlook is bright for world agreement on the international trade of wheat.

The conference is awaiting estimates from 55 participating nations as to the amount of their wheat expected to be available for export or import requirements.

The delegates from the Orient believe an agreement will be reached within a few weeks.

When the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations met in November, President Truman predicted that the United States would ratify the new wheat pact. This caused delegates present at the conference to feel that an agreement was reasonably sure of being attained if the U.S. would sign it. The Filipinos are asking about 225,000 metric tons of assured wheat imports under the proposed agreement.

The Chinese decline to state their import request, but their request last year was for 400,000 metric tons.

They indicate that their present request is similar, adding: "The lower the price, the more we can buy."

Both the Filipinos and the Chinese recall that last year's proposed pact provided a price range from \$1.10 to \$2. They hope that something similar will be arranged in the present negotiations.

Both delegations indicate that a four or five year pact will be acceptable.—Associated Press.

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Bact St. Louis, Illinois, February 1.
Rock Junior High School here closed down today when about 400 white pupils walked out of classes when they learned that Negro children were in the building attempting to enrol.

Ten Negro children, accompanied by adults, walked into Rock School before classes began and were seated in a vacant classroom. White pupils, accompanied by scores of parents, immediately walked out and many of them, carrying signs urging Negroes to keep out, paraded around the school. Two squads of police were on hand to keep order.—United Press.

JEWS REJECT BUNCHE PLAN FOR THE NEGEV

Rhodes, February 2.
A reliable source said last night that the Jews have rejected completely the "Bunche Line" as a solution to the disputed boundaries of the Negev.

This strong action by the Jews followed radio communication with Tel Aviv.

The Arab special emissary, M. Henri Sherline, who had taken the proposals to Cairo for acceptance or rejection did not return on Tuesday so that the Egyptian viewpoint is not yet known. He is expected back in Rhodes today.

On Monday, Dr. Ralph Bunche submitted several working papers to both delegations on a situation like this leave it blank.

The Jewish opposition to the "Bunche Line" is based on their claim that it is not "realistic" because it does not recognise certain areas won in the October and December offensives.

The Bunche proposals would return some of this territory to the Egyptians, the source said. This the Jews will not allow.

Talks To End

Dr. Bunche and the United Nations political advisor, M. Henri Sherline, have decided to leave Rhodes for New York at the end of this week. United Nations sources said in Haifa tonight.

These sources said they will end the Israeli-Egyptian armistice talks then, whatever the results. The talks, which began on January 13, have gone on much longer than was planned.

Meanwhile, Israeli is prepared to discuss an armistice at Rhodes with Transjordan as soon as the present Israeli-Egyptian nego-

tiations are concluded. The Associated Press is reliably informed in Tel Aviv.

According to this information, a suggestion for armistice talks was sent to King Abdullah by Israel last week.

Thus the direct peace talk proposal actually came before United States recognition of Transjordan—which observers in Washington had predicted might speed up armistice negotiations.

Jerusalem Status

The Israeli Government has decided to terminate the military governorship of Jerusalem.

The effect of this move is to change the status of Jerusalem as urgently needed on the present medical use of this powerful habit-forming drug and the possibility of replacing it by less dangerous drugs.

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The committee said these two drugs are two or three times as powerful as morphine and pronounced them definitely habit-forming.—Reuter.

Excessive Use Of Heroin

Geneva, February 1.
An expert committee of the World Health Organisation today demanded direct investigations into the excessive use by Finland and Italy of the dangerous habit-forming drug of heroin.

Last month, the United Nations Central Opium Board reported an enormous consumption of heroin by Finland.

The expert committee resolved today that further information is urgently needed on the present medical use of this powerful habit-forming drug and on the danger of replacing it by less dangerous drugs.

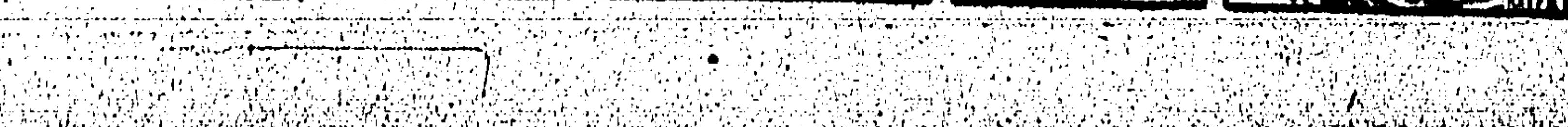
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INCIDENT AT ISRAELI OFFICE

London, February 1.
A small bottle, smelling of opium oil, was thrown through a window of the Israeli Government offices in Manchester Square, London, tonight. No one was injured.—Reuter.

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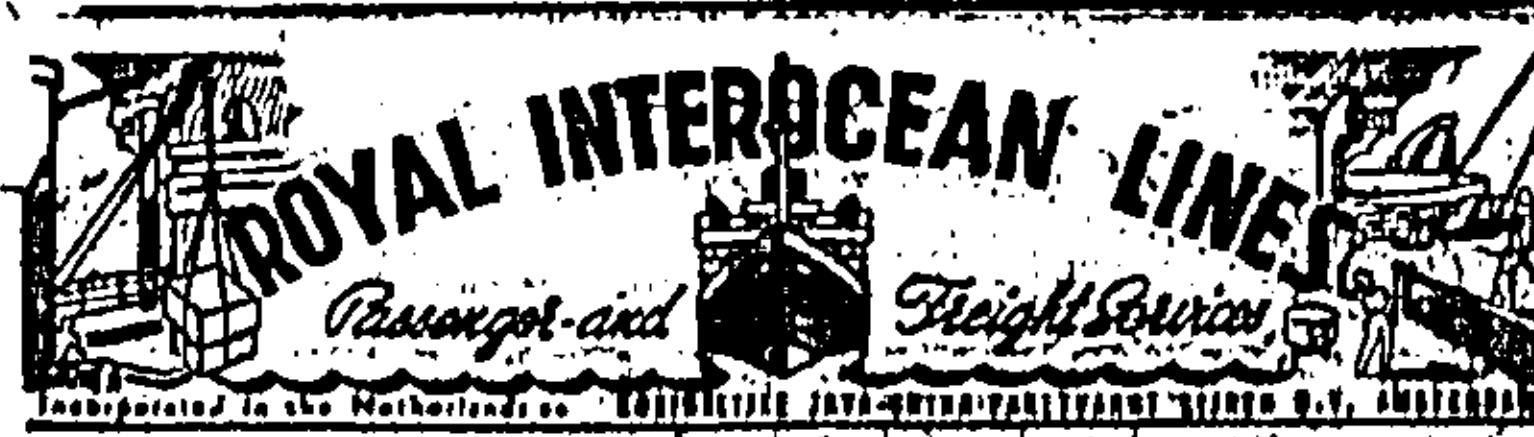
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Money Market

London, February 1.

London Gold Yards dropped to less than a cent in value on the Hong Kong money market yesterday.

Opening at 1.55 cents for Hong Kong delivery, 3 of a cent for Canton remittances, and 5 of a cent for Shanghai remittances, it dropped at the close to .00 of a cent for Hong Kong and .04 of a cent for Canton and Shanghai.

These rates compared with 2.0 cents, 2.4 cents and 2.2 cents respectively just before the Chinese New Year.

Gold, too, had a hectic time during the holidays. It was up to HK\$432 a tael on New Year's Eve, and dropped to \$316 on New Year Day. Between these two figures it fluctuated until the market officially opened yesterday.

Yesterday's opening rate was \$320 a tael, but bearish influence prevailed, and it was in one-way movement until the close, by which time the price was down to \$312.875.

US Dollars opened at HK\$18.14 and closed at \$5.131. TT was quoted at \$5.17.

Futures had a marketless day and were quoted nominal at HK\$860 a 100.

Ticals were quoted at HK\$24.40 a 100, and NEI Guilders at HK\$21.70 a 100.

Sterling and Australian Pounds were quoted at HK\$15.30 and HK\$12.55 respectively.

N.Y. RUBBER

New York, February 2.

Crude rubber standard futures closed unchanged with sales of 34 contracts.

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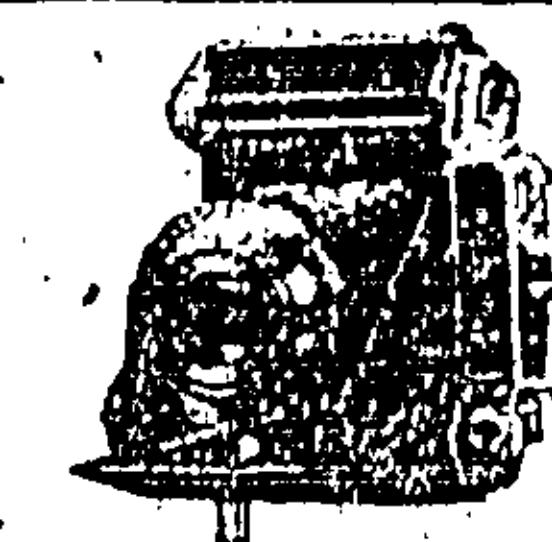
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ENGLAND

Full Back: A.B. Mittelstrasse (Tamar).
Three Quarter: Robinson (Club); Gnr. Wright (R.A.); Franklin (Club); Dr. Rome (Club).
Half: Lt. Irliche (R.A.); Clemo (Club).
Forward: C.R.E. Wrayard (Tamar); Sergt. Newton (R.A.); Major Keyes (R.A.); Lt. Hapton (Buffs); Capt. Lt. Grey (Buffs); Capt. Lt. Spanky (Buffs); Supt. Wright-Nooth (Police).

WALES/IRELAND

Back: Gnr. Jenkins (R.A.).
Three Quarter: Gnr. Swain (R.A.); Capt. Roberts (Buffs); Capt. Gnr. Richards (R.A.); P.O. Smith (Tamar).
Half: Nobby (Club); A.C. Cooke (R.A.).

Forward: Inspector Oliver (H.M. Police); Lt. (E) Cl. Salmon (London); Lt. Gussie (Buffs); Cpl. Jones (H.A.F.); Jones (Club); Gnr. Tucker (R.A.); Cpl. Scully (London); A.5 Hillier (Hart).

SCOTLAND

Full Back Lachlan (Club).
Three Quarter: Capt. Fraser Harris (R.A.); Surg. Lt. Mackenzie (Dumper); Cessford (Club); Robertson (Club).
Half: D. Henderson (Club); Major Wilson (Buffs); Captain.

Forward: Forsgate (Club); McFadden (Club); Lt. (E) McClement (Tamar); Comdr. Dalzell (Tamar); I.S.A. Annandale (London); Capt. Rose Milne (R.A.M.C.); A. Taylor (Club); Cairns (Club).

INTERNATIONAL (Rebels)

Back: Macklin (Club); Lt. Hankin (Dumper); D. Nelson (Club); Lt. Friglock (Buffs); Cpl. Brown (R.A.P.C.).
Half: Lt. Condie; Aitken (Tamar); T. Morgan (Club).

Forward: Hutton (Club); Major Bornett (2/16 Gurkha Rifles); Baker (Club); Captain; Bowmen (Club); Warne (Club); Lt. Murray (Alacrity); P.O. Slocombe (Tamar).

Heneries to attend at ground: Fitzroy Williams (Club); Minton (Club); Douglas (Club); Slater (Club); Mid. Salmon; Mid. Kemp; E.R.A. Jones (London); Paton (Dumper); Sir Atkinson (Alacrity); Lt. Winterkin (Buffs); Major Cunningham (R. Scott).

England v International XV Kick-off 3.15 p.m.
Scotland v Wales/Ireland Kick-off 4.30 p.m.

Jerseys only will be provided at the ground.

A full league programme will be played off this Saturday. There are also three cup replays to be decided on the same day.

The match of the week will be at Derby County's Baseball Ground, where the Wolves are the visitors. The latter have displayed fine form recently, winning by three clear goals at Sheffield last week, and will most certainly extend Derby to the fullest.

Last season the Wolves won by the odd goal in three, but on September 18, during the current season they shared four goals at Wolverhampton. My forecast is another draw.

Charlton Athletic, after their home reverse at the hands of Portsmouth, travel North to Newcastle and the very mention of such a clash brings memories of that terrible up-recent Charlton served out to Newcastle in March, 1947. They had beaten the Newcastle defence three times without reply at half-time.

Newcastle have suffered two home reverses this season and Charlton have a habit of serving up good football away from home. Huddersfield and Preston have won at St. James' Park this season, so why not Charlton?

The leaders, Portsmouth, are at home to Manchester City and should be able to maintain their unbeaten home record. The City have only recorded one win at Fratton Park since 1933, and they seem hardly in a position to check the run of what is probably the best trained team in country. A home win seems a good forecast here.

Southampton Idle

In the Second Division, W. B. A. and Fulham, have a chance to overtake Southampton, who are without a league game (Southampton should be playing Bradford P.A. but the latter have to decide their fourth round cup replay with Manchester United). Fulham are due at Ewood Park for a game with Blackburn Rovers. The former are expected at least to hold the Rovers to a draw. Incidentally, on September 13, the Rovers forced a 1-1 draw with Fulham in London.

Lincoln City have a chance to improve their position by defeating their visitors from Leeds.

Nothing seems to stop the run-away lead of Swansea in the Southern Section of the league. They are due at Wallasey on Saturday and should obtain both points there.

Leyton, after last week's reverse, should maintain striking distance by bringing back a brace of points from Aldershot. Aldershot's 0-4 victory at Brighton earlier this season must be regarded as a fluke and the sendees will be all out for revenge.

Both Rotherham and Hull are at home— to Wrexham and Hallifax, respectively, and both are expected to win.

The article, entitled "These wives will not run away" by the Foreign Editor, Harold Walton, said that the first signs of "diving way" would be for these wives to leave their husbands—for not long afterwards the husbands might go too."

"That would be the first indication of British authority. So the wives stay", the article adds.

Crediting planters and miners with great assistance to Britain in her current economic straits, the newspaper said: "Come what may, the European and his wife will be out along the road, going about their lawful business, defying all that a brazen and blood thirsty terror can bring against them." Reuter.

Roxborough, following a weekend of conferences with Mike Jacobs, president of the 20th Century Sporting Club said that Louis will fight once more only if an opponent can be found capable of guaranteeing a large enough gate to justify the time and expense required to prepare for a championship fight.

Meanwhile, Louis has announced that if he does defend his title in June, it will be for the last time.

"It will definitely be my last one I mean it this time," he said. Reuter.

SHANGHAI MAN DIES IN U.S.

Now York, February 2. Ferenc Saffer, 52, an architect in Shanghai for 20 years, died here yesterday at the home of a brother, Charles. He came to the U.S. for medical treatment last March.

He said: "Twenty-five metres below the surface there are roads, and ruins of three magnificient ancient towns. The walls are still well preserved, under veins of shale and sandstone, while some statues are still there, among bushes of coral and giant seaweed."

Italy's Fine Art Board has investigated the reported find several times. Roditis himself says he dug from the ruins statuettes and pieces of earthware vases.

Some Italian scientists believe the ruins may be those of an enormous dyke built by the Phoenicians, rather than towns.

Other archeologists, however, say they may be towns dating back 1,000 years before Christ. An earthquake may have dropped the ground 50 to 75 feet below sea level, they contend.

Still another opinion is held by Professor Biagio Pace, one of Italy's leading archeologists.

He maintains that the towns probably lay on ground between Sicily and Tunisia which collapsed 2,000 years ago in front of Marsala, at the extreme Western edge of Sicily.

Captain Giovanni Rocca, a former diver of the Italian navy, who recently explored the sea

around the small island of Lam-pedusa—between Sicily and Tunisia—says the towns may be there because the ground is even and similar to that along the coast of Sicily and the opposite Tunisian shore.

"There is no reason not to believe Roditis," Rocca said, "but I would like very much to see for myself, though." Associated Press.

Entry Of DP's To America

Washington, February 2. The Displaced Person Commission, in its first half-yearly report issued today, urges the United States Congress to permit 400,000 war refugees to enter America in the next four years.

This is almost double the present programme which calls for the entry of 205,000 persons over a two-year period.

The three-man Commission says that its vast resettlement effort is lagging. The Chairman, Mr. U. Carus, told reporters that in the last six months of 1948, 2,007 displaced persons had reached the United States.

The total, he said, rose to 3,018 in January and he predicts that the same number will enter in February. Associated Press.

Frank Sedgman, who won the men's singles championship on Sunday, teamed with Doris Hart of the United States yesterday to win the Australian mixed doubles title.

Reserve: Sneed. Any player unable to play is requested to inform Mr. R. Gorley.

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Referee's Appeal Considered Withdrawn

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Aussies Wait For Bromwich To Decide

Melbourne, February 2.

Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, stated today that Australia's Davis Cup team will not be announced until John Bromwich has decided whether he will be available.

Bromwich is reported to have sought a week's delay before giving his decision.

The selectors recommended that a team, consisting of Bromwich as captain, Frank Sedgman and Bill Sidwell, with a manager, should challenge for the Cup, travelling via England, where they would play at Wimbledon.

If Bromwich is not available, Sedgman and Sidwell should be sent to Wimbledon and then to America where they would be joined by a manager of experience, sent direct from Australia.

During the game, Mr. Tunstall gave "marching orders" to Tse for allegedly fouling Xavier of St. Joseph's.

Let's Be Grateful To Russia

Moscow, February 2.

Crack English football teams like Manchester United, Arsenal and Glasgow Rangers might like to know that it was the Russians who introduced into football tactics the quick interchanging of forwards in an attack!

The newspaper "Soviet Sport" says that the soccer world did not know a thing about "inter-changing" until the Moscow Dynamos in 1949 and later, the Army team and others went touring Europe.

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"Mr. Tunstall requested to be allowed five minutes to consider his position and shortly returned and stated that after consideration, he had decided to have nothing more to do with Hong Kong football and thereupon left the room.

"The Appeals Board in the circumstances regarded Mr. Tunstall's action as equivalent to withdrawing the appeal and decided that the sum of \$50 which he had paid be returned to him.

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NO ACTION

The case before an Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA on December 23. After hearing the facts of the case, this Sub-Committee decided in favour of the referee, against whom no action was taken.

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La Beach Turns Down Offer

Melbourne, February 2.

The Panamanian sprinter, Lloyd La Beach, disclosed today that he has asked a sports syndicate for £1,250 to turn professional and run in their meetings at Bendigo, Victoria, next month.

His price, La Beach said, was not accepted. He added that he was approached first by the promoters of the sport.

La Beach said that he may come back to Australia as a professional at a later date.

Herb McKenley, Jamaican trackster, was also approached to turn professional. He said that he is not interested in the proposition.

Associated Press.

WINS 220

Melbourne, February 1.

Lloyd La Beach, Panamanian Olympic ace, defeated John Bartram of Australia and Herb McKenley of Jamaica to win the 220-yard dash in 21.4/10ths seconds at the Victorian championships yesterday.

La Beach failed to finish in the 100 meters and Bartram won in 10.6/10ths seconds, 8/10ths slower than the record here. R. R. Watt of Australia was second.

Associated Press.

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Giving judgment, the magistrate, Herr Meisch, said that the offence would have been serious if committed by anyone, but when committed by the leader of a political party and in the circumstances disclosed, the offence became considerably aggravated.